

Task force members,

Thanks in advance for receiving my email.

I am against gun control in general because to me it destroys, not a so called gun culture, but a self-reliant culture. People like me do not delegate our personal safety to others, but consider it our individual responsibility. Those who are against guns say to us: you are no longer allowed to defend yourselves, and instead must rely on the "state" for your safety. Nothing can be more repugnant to many of us. Our second amendment rights state that we have a right to bear arms for the purpose of defending ourselves.

I am deeply concerned about taxes on ammunition. Consider for a moment that people cannot afford to shoot the guns they own, and instead only fire them infrequently or in an emergency. Can you imagine the accidents? Do we want to negatively impact safety by causing ammunition to be less accessible? Ammunition isn't like cigarettes! We do not harm ourselves or others with each shot! You are not reducing how many people get killed in a mass shooting, you are simply causing more accidents.

As for 30 round/ high capacity clips - ho -hum... help yourself.

AR-15's? Please leave them alone. Because if you head down this slippery slope of defining assault weapons - what's left? Please- use care on this. Almost anything is a semi-automatic these days - especially hand guns.

I think the most important issue about gun control is removing opportunity for mentally disturbed people from getting guns. I think a great place to start is the roles of people that are receiving disability pay for mental illness. Moreover, I think doing more background checking prior to purchase would be fine with many of us, and I think allowing school faculty to conceal carry if they wish would also be a great idea.

Again, responsible gun owners are not like cigarette smokers. Please don't group us all together as so many miscreants - we are not. We have a right to bear arms and we do. It's that simple.

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